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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: VIETNAMESE ABOARD CAPE ERIMO

REF: SINGAPORE 3755

1. WE HAVE RELIABLE REPORT THAT CAPE ERIMO SET SAIL FOR HODEIDA AT 8:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME AUGUST 8. GOS DOCTOR WHO EXAMINED VIETNAMESE ONBOARD SHIP IN EASTERN ANCHORAGE CERTIFIED THAT ALL OF THEM, INCLUDING A WOMAN IN HER SIXTH MONTH OF PREGNANCY, WERE CAPABLE OF CONTINUING THEIR JOURNEY.

2. A PRIVATE AMERICAN WHO BOARDED THE CAPE ERIMO LEARNED BY CHANCE OF A VIETNAMESE FISHING BOAT HAVING BEEN BROUGHT INTO DOCK SOME TIME EARLIER. THE TWENTY VIETNAMESE WHO WERE ON BOARD REPORTEDLY ARE NOW IN THE IMMIGRATION DETENTION CENTER AT FINGER POINT. OUR SOURCE BELIEVES THE VIETNAMESE WILL BE PLACED ABOARD THEIR SHIP AS SOON AS IT HAS BEEN REPAIRED, REFUELED, AND REPROVISIONED, AND THEN TOWED OUT OF THE HARBOR. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM THIS REPORT, MISS FRASER (UNHCR OFFICE IN KUALA LUMPUR) AND, THROUGH HER, SAMPATKUMAR (STILL IN HONG KONG) ARE AWARE OF THIS NEW CASE.

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3. ASIDE FROM LIKLIHOOD THAT IT WOULD BE MOST DIFFICULT TO

CONTACT APPROPRIATE GOS OFFICIAL ON NATIONAL DAY, WE ARE OF
VIEW THAT APPROACH NOW TO GOS ON NEW CASE STANDS VIRTUALLY
NO CHANCE OF ELICITING DESIRED RESPONSE. BELIEVE THAT OUR
NEXT APPROACH TO GOS SHOULD BE IN SUPPORT OF UNHCR APPEAL,
WHICH, ACCORDING TO MISS FRASER, NOT LIKELY TO BE DELIVERED
BY SAMPATKUMAR PRIOR TO AUGUST 11. HOLDRIDGE

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